

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. And from what I understand is against federal election law because it is a form of electioneering and is not fair and even representation of ALL presidential candidates. There is no comparably negative documentary about Bush that will air on Sinclair stations, such as "Fahrenheit 9/11". The documentary "Going Up River" That offers another perspective on John Kerry should be shown if Sinclair intends to show this smear documentary. Sinclair is misusing it's right to free airwaves and is NOT serving the public to the best of its ability. This is not an example of free press, this is an example of a large corporation promoting the candidate that will serve the corporation's best interests.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair's actions show why the license renewal process needs to involve a thorough and complete review of each station's use of air time and how, in the case of Sinclair, they violated the federal election laws which should give the FCC the right to revoke their ownership. The airing of this one-sided documentary is not in the best interest of the American people who are not being offered an alternative view of the candidate in another program. Thank you.